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PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2871**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hitoshi MIZUTANI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2871

Application No.: 10/726,682

Examiner: T. DUONG

Filed: December 4, 2003

Docket No.: 117970

For: SPREAD ILLUMINATING APPARATUS TO ILLUMINATE TWO LIQUID
CRYSTAL DISPLAY PANELS DIFFERENT IN SCREEN SIZE

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Further to the May 5, 2006 Amendment After Final Rejection, in response to the May 19 Advisory Action, the shortened period for reply having being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1, 5, 7, 9, 11, 12 and 14 are pending in this application.

The Advisory Action indicates that the claim amendments in the May 5, 2006 Amendment After Final Rejection have been entered. However, the Advisory Action asserts that the claim amendments do not place the application in condition for allowance.

In the May 5 Amendment After Final Rejection, independent claims 1, 5 and 9 were amended to recite "wherein the reflector plate has a reflectance that matches with a